

California Recreational Trails Plan
Program Goal - Progress as of August 12, 2008

GOAL FOR REGIONAL AND STATEWIDE LAND-USE PLANNING

Promote and encourage the incorporation of trails and greenways development and linkages into all local and statewide land use planning

Action	Progress to Date
<p>1. Recommend amending the California Subdivision Map Act to require a trail element in all future local government plans. Until such a legal requirement exists, continue encouraging local agencies to incorporate the current option to include a recreation element in their general plans.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional trail planning training sessions and case studies taught at California Trails & Greenways Conference (CT&GC) • Many local gov'ts incorporating trails in recreation, open space, or transportation plans. Examples: Riverside, Concord • City of Los Angeles is incorporating a trails element in their planning tools
<p>2. In cooperation with other trail management agencies and organizations, develop standardized policies, guidelines and educational support programs for trail system planning, including products and processes to stimulate trail system planning by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using trail inventories as a key planning tool -Coordinating to the extent possible local and regional planning efforts- Identifying trails that should be connected • Promoting regional trail planning forums -- Educating trail planners on common goals. • Identifying trails that should be connected • Promoting regional trail planning forums • Educating trail planners on common goals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California State Parks (CSP) is beginning to actively promote comprehensive Road & Trail Management Plans (RTMP) both within the State Park system and with other agencies • Examples of local progress: Bay Area--Bay Trail, Bay Ridge Trail, Mountains to the Sea
<p>3. Educate local planners and decision makers about the value of including trails in their initial land use planning efforts. This should include efforts to insure that trail dedications for accessing public facilities and open space are part of all development projects.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CT&GC training sessions on land use planning issues relating to trail systems and connectivity
<p>4. Encourage local government agencies to develop trail system plans by making it a requirement for submitting a grant application or give preference to those grant applicants with a local or regionally adopted trail system plan.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently the Recreational Trails Program scoring criteria favors applications that are consistent with regionally adopted trail system plans or recreation plans.
<p>5. Provide open space corridors with adequate space to accommodate trails and allow areas for wildlife habitat and sensitive ecosystems.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional trail planning opportunities taught at CT&GC educational sessions • Many examples of progress: Pacific Crest Trail, Southern CA Multiple Species Conservation Programs, Bay Area Open Space Council, CA Wildlife Action Plan, Wetland Joint Ventures, Wildlands Conservancy
<p>6. Establish and link web sites to assist state, local, and federal trail system planners. This may include the California Trails Connection website, a partnership effort. Support and encourage development of a national website, which can provide standardized information.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The California Trails Connection website is no longer a viable solution • The American Trails website is becoming a very good source for national trail planning and management information

<p>7. Develop and maintain trail maps on a GIS (Geographic Information System). Create GIS maps of public trails in California. The GIS maps would also serve as an overlay for planners in developing and updating land use plans in California.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educating and training regional trail planners how to prepare RTMPs at CT&GC • CSP is working on mapping CSP trails
<p>8. Link GIS data to the California Legacy Project (CCRISP), so that identified key attributes can be analyzed for proposed trail corridor and public land acquisitions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direction and focus of the California Legacy Project has changed and does not apply to trail Geographic Information System (GIS) data.

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